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Milk Production Report



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This report contains the results from the quarterly *Milk Production Report* conducted during the first part of April, 2007. A sample of Arkansas milk producers was contacted and the data as of April 1 (for the January 1 through March 31 period) were obtained for the latest milk cow and milk production estimates. These results are also posted on our web site at the Internet address above, and a more detailed national report can be found at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who cooperated with this report.

First Quarter Milk Production Down 11 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the January-March 2007 quarter was 63 million pounds, down 11 percent from the same period in 2006, but up 2 percent from the October-December 2006 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms continued to decline during the quarter, down to 18,500 head, 2,500 head less than the same period last year, and down 500 head from the previous quarter. Nationally, the number of milk cows and milk production continued to increase from previous year.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter, Arkansas, and U.S., 2004-2006

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2005	2006	2007	% Change from 2006	2005	2006	2007	% Change from 2006
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1st Quarter, Jan - March	23	21	18.5	-12	9,002	9,092	9,128	+<0.5
2nd Quarter, April - June	23	21			9,041	9,128		
3rd Quarter, July - Sept	22	20			9,060	9,113		
4th Quarter, Oct - Dec	21	19			9,064	9,115		
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 st Quarter, Jan- March	77	71	63	-11	43,350	45,547	45,999	+1
2 nd Quarter, April - June	80	71			45,831	46,930		
3 rd Quarter, July - Sept	73	61			44,134	44,710		
4 th Quarter, Oct - Dec	67	62			43,659	44,611		

¹ Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

Milk Production, Arkansas and U.S., January-March, 1998-2007

